



Candlewood Suites Richmond Airport Richmond

"The Candlewood Suites Hotel Richmond Airport is an extended stay hotel, providing an excellent option for both corporate and government business travelers. The hotel is located a mile from Richmond International Airport near the corner of Audubon Drive and Airport Drive in Richmond, with easy access to I-95, I-64, and I-295, making points within downtown Richmond, Henrico County, Sandston, Ft. Lee, and Chester within easy reach.

At the Candlewood Suites we have what it takes to provide our travelers with all the comforts of home. Our studio efficiency suites include a fully equipped kitchen with full-sized refrigerator, stove top, microwave and dishwasher. Also in your suite you will find a 32" LCD television, DVD player, and free high-speed wired and wireless Internet."

Green Statement: "To show are guests that we do our part to be as green as we can."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Lodging



Optional Linen Service. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train housekeeping staff on process for optional linen service
- Track optional linen participation rate
- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use an "ozone laundry system" that greatly minimizes the need for detergents and saves water
- Use a service that has environmentally-preferable "wet cleaning" for "dry-clean only" items
- Line dry linens whenever possible



Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, newspaper, office paper

- Have recycling bins located: in some guest areas and will have signs indicating where they are located
- Also recycle office paper, toner cartridges

Guest rooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Use refillable shampoo bottles rather than single-use bottles
- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items

Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Donate excess food from events

Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable
- Use cloth napkins

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand-dryers
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper

Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Use refillable pens and toner cartridges
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible



Building and grounds

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Install carpet with sustainable or recycled content and low-VOC adhesives
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex low or no-VOC paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping



Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
 - High efficiency dishwashers
 - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
 - Low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)

Activities outdoors

- Have an effective landscape management plan that utilizes metering and rain gauges, and minimizes lawn areas
- Have an effective storm water management plan that includes rain gardens



Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on
- Have installed geothermal heating and cooling

Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Have installed LED Exit Signs
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning

Appliances and electronic devices

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Have adopted a policy / practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

Building Construction and Renovation

- Earned the ENERGY STAR label for our building

For more information on Candlewood Suites Richmond Airport, see www.cwsric.com or contact James K. Brown at jbrown@cwsric.com or 804-652-1888.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Hotels and Lodging Facilities** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This lodging has met the established "core activities" for **Green Lodging** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen or www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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